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319 Purdy St
Buffalo, N.Y.

5/19/41

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Dear Rev. Wash,

I did not come over
to talk to you because from
hearing how you spoke to
me at the door, I thought
it better to state my thoughts
in writing. Just two months
ago I was ordered to stay
out of all crowds, unpleasant
company because my nerves
are about to break at any
time. Rest was the medicine

I have not obeyed orders trying to stick
to the job the Welfare gave because I
was needy. This job is up 20th of June
Regardless of plenty hardship this year
I'm finally trying to clear ^{some} of my bills
including my church. Altho your
sermon included people of talents Sunday
as Mrs Nash mentioned I should think
of the sermon, I don't feel that
I can take it to myself, for there is
no one that has tried any harder
to take every chance to improve their
ability and give it out to the city
of Buffalo any ^{more} free than I. Every
Sunday I have served some church
some individual during that week outside
of my heavy duties. Michigan Ave. Church
ask me to join the choir, and take a group
of bad boys to train. Both would be too much
with this work under my condition. I was
left this way from illness of three years ago;
by the way. But I asked Mr McFeyre so
many times if he would mind ^{if} Washito would
sing in church some Sunday, since he was
doing so much to encourage young people,
but he had his first time to ask her.

Now she hasnt the same interest
She was trained too, I thought
it ^{was} a means of getting her into
church. Instead Mr. MacLure
runs to one of my vocal students
and encourage her parents to
send her to Mind ~~Pierre~~ after
I have built the girls' voices
free of charge, just beautifully.

You see Rev. Nash you don't
know very much about me.
if you include me in your
sermon. I'm not that type
There is something wrong right
there for me. The Urban League
tried to make me lose my
job because of the young chorus
The Y. M. C. A. tried to block us

So we could'nt have
our concert there, so
much so the young people
declared they will never
go back there to sing. Only
thing I'm sorry my daughter
has been side by side with
me on some of these whippings
I ^{re}ceived and has embittered
her young life. I do have hope
there will be some prayer that
will turn things for me
in Buffalo, for I feel I will
not leave my parents behind
in these years, even tho I have
a chance to go where

people don't ^{4.} know me.

Since I don't feel like
coming to church any more
I think I better go back to
Shylock. I have a lot of friends
there. I just left because I
thought Michigan Ave was
home a haven of rest, not to
push in and upset your
schedules like some people I
know, but help when it is time.
I'm quite sure I have not
said anything to offend but
wanted you to know my side

Sincerely yours
Julia Sylvester

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

Buffalo, N. Y.,
June 9, 1941.

Dear Sir:-.

It has been brought to our attention that a man known as Rev. Alexander Patterson, alias James P. Shealy, has been misrepresenting himself in this city.

Rev. Patterson's method of operation is to call on ministers and missions as a social service worker, claiming to be particularly interested in helping ex-convicts. In other instances, he has claimed to be opening an office where he was to act as secretary for the Prison Mutual Aid Society. Rev. Patterson is a fluent talker and has no difficulty in convincing people of his sincerity. He usually goes on to say that he is either helping some one at the present time or is opening an office, and is interested in purchasing a radio or furnishings, for this person or for his office. Rev. Patterson then asks the minister or head of the mission with whom he is in contact, where they do their business, and using this means, he goes to the store recommended, and in payment for such purchase, gives a worthless check.

This man is a nationally known fraudulent check worker, and he is wanted by various police authorities throughout the country. If this man should happen to call upon you, please get in touch with the Detective Bureau, at Police Headquarters, Washington 4100, immediately.

Rev. Patterson is described as 44 years old, 5 ft 9, 180 lbs, dark chestnut hair, grey eyes. He has a mole at the root of his nose, and a noticeable twitching at right side of mouth when smiling. When in Buffalo last, he was wearing a green suit, very neat in appearance.

Very truly yours,

Arthur D. Britt
Arthur D. Britt,
Chief of Detectives.

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4 Byrd Hall
Va. State College
Petersburg, Va.
May 7, 1941

Dear Rev. Nash,

It seems just last week when I was home for the Xmas holidays.

This school year has gone by very quickly and I'm looking forward to Theresa's accompanying me here in the fall to enter school as a freshman.

I'm sure she will enjoy every minute of her stay here as I am doing.

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for those students majoring in music. To me, the Hammond sounds as good as any more expensive organ.

This year, I have been a very active member of both the Sunday School and the Y. W. C. A. cabinets — the two main religious organizations on the campus. On Sunday, May 11th, the Sunday School will give its annual tea for those having kept good attendance to classes. On May 18th, I am to receive a diploma certifying that I have received training

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Mother wrote that a new Hammond organ was installed at Michigan Ave. Baptist Church on Palm Sunday. Congratulations!

— We have achieved something to which I have looked forward! I understand the organ is like one which was installed in our auditorium ^{here} during the Xmas holidays. An additional fund has been established for a \$10,000 organ to be purchased during the next five years and the present organ will then be used

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all the traditional beauty of a great university. I'm looking forward to a future visit there.

Last week, Theodore Jackson from Union came here to play a starring role in the latest production of his school's dramatic club. He represented Buffalo well. I was quite proud of him as all state's Buffalonians were.

School activities are coming to a close now

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for and have qualified to be a Sunday-school teacher. The exercises are much like a school commencement and all sophomores enrolled in teacher-training classes and having satisfactorily passed the written examination will receive the diploma.

I had an opportunity this spring to visit Union — your alma mater, and although that college is considered "state's rival," I think it is a very fine school. It possesses

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Could be no more appropriate day selected for her coming for she seems to be the "First Lady" or "mother" of our race.

My sorority (Delta Sigma Theta) claims the honor of calling her soror.

How are Mrs. Nash and Jesse? I suppose they are also busy with spring activities at church and school respectively. Please give them my best regards as well as all the members

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and everyone is thinking about home. In the midst of term papers, reports, and daily assignments, I shall soon be ready for examinations.

Next Sunday, we are to be honored by the presence of Mary Bethune as guest speaker for Mother's Day. I shall never forget her words of inspiration when she was in Buffalo. I am awaiting her coming with keen anticipation. There

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of the church.

Well, I must close
now. Let me thank
you again for your
very fine gift Christmas.
I am proud and glad
to know that the church
members thought about
"no collegiates."

Sincerely,
Gwendolyn Greene

st.
2141 St. Aubin Ave.

Detroit, Mich.

April 30th 1941.

Reverend John Edward Nash.

#36 Potter, St.

Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Friend:

Although I have allowed some little time to pass since I wrote you last I have had you constantly in mind, never forgetting for one moment your great kindness to me in your loyal effort to assist me in my recent difficulty. Please believe that I consider myself in your debt for an everlasting gratitude.

I left the hospital a little over one year ago and, although I shall never be completely well, I feel much improved and hope to visit Buffalo sometime soon; needless to say, I shall not fail to look you up at that time.

I have not heard much lately from Africa due to the influence of the war on mail facilities.

I trust that you will be able to spare

time to write me a line and let me
be sure that you are as well and doing
as nicely as I hope you are.

Yours very truly,
Louis G. H. McGuire.

4/29/41

*The family of the late
Jessie Anna Doleman
acknowledges with grateful
appreciation your kind expression
of sympathy*

511 Mosher Hall
Ann Arbor, Michigan
April 22, 1941

My dear Reverend Nash,

I am a senior at the
University of Michigan, majoring
in the field of social work.
When I was in Buffalo
during Spring recess, I spoke
to Mrs. Lenz of the Children's
Court about writing a project,
concerning the problem of
Negro Juvenile Delinquency
in our city. She told me
to get in touch with you
because you are quite active
in trying to solve this
problem. If you recall, I
spoke with you on the
phone.

It would please me a
great deal if you would

H
answer as briefly as possible
the following questions. Any
statistics concerning the
same would be greatly
appreciated:

1. How do you operate as a
case-finding agency?
2. What kind of personnel
and facilities do you have
to aid in treatment?
3. What are your chances of
getting more money, which you
so urgently expressed the
need of?
4. With what other agencies in
the community do you cooperate?
in schools, churches, recreational
groups, etc.
5. What do you do about leisure
time, vocational placement, and
problem children?

6. What do you think are the most important factors contributing to juvenile delinquency?

7. In your opinion what could be done to cut down the high per cent of negro delinquents in your community?

8. What specific effects, in your opinion, do the following agencies have on cutting down the rate of delinquency?

- a) The Children's Court
- b) Child Guidance Clinic
- c) Police
- d) Detention Homes
- e) Probation Officers

9. What per cent of the negro delinquents in your community are church goers?

10. Does participation in church activities have any effect on delinquency? Please elaborate.

11. What are the reasons for non-participation in church activities?

I have lived in Buffalo all of my life and since I expect to do social work there, I am really interested in this problem and am looking forward to hearing from you as soon as it is convenient for you to write since my report is due on May 10.

Sincerely yours
Jane Phipps

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April 21 1941

Rev Edward J Nash
36 Potter
Buffalo, N Y

Dear Rev Nash:

At this time of year we are thanking various people for their cooperation in making our Home Bureau years program so vital.

I wish to thank you for the lecture on Current Events you gave in December to our Michigan Unit. They were tremendously interested in your presentation.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Norton Britt
Mrs C M Britt
Urban Home Demonstration Agent

U. S. ARMY RECRUITING OFFICE
402 OLD CUSTOMS HOUSE
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

April 21, 1941

The Rev. Edward J. Nash,
36 Potter Street,
Buffalo, New York.

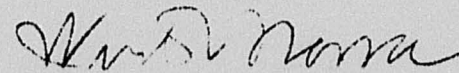
Rev. and Dear Sir:

We have numerous inquiries from young men, 18, 19 and 20-years of age as to educational, particularly vocational and technical training in the United States Army.

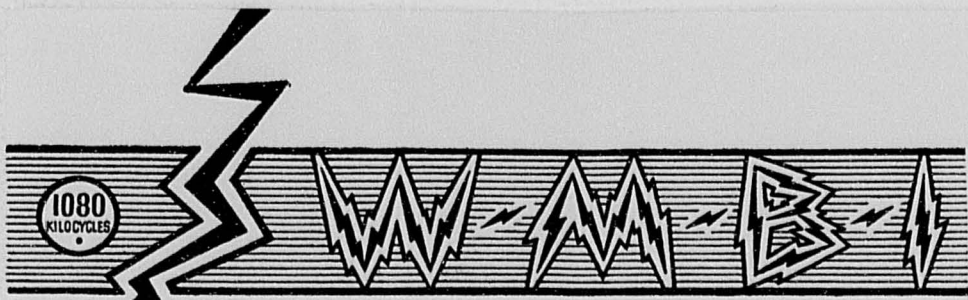
Possibly some of these young men occasionally seek your advice about such matters.

The attached pamphlet has been compiled to give information insofar as available at this time. A number of new schools are opening with the rapid expansion of the Army of which we have no authoritative information at this time.

Sincerely



Winston V. Morrow
Captain Infantry
Assistant Recruiting Officer



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March 11, 1941

Dr. J. Edward Nash
36 Potter Street
Buffalo, New York

My dear Dr. Nash:

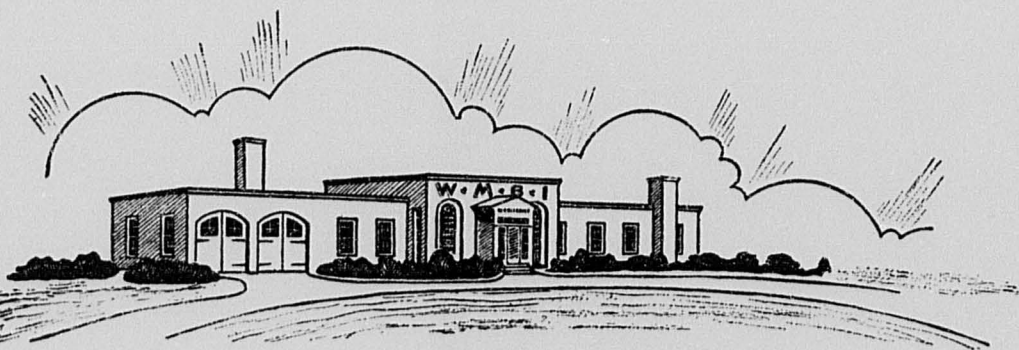
Thank you so much for the paper on
"The Advantages of a Long Pastorate." It
is just exactly what I wanted, and I have
had it copied to be used on a future broad-
cast over WMBI.

I remember with pleasure when you gave
it at the Genesee Ministers' Association.
You spent a good deal of time on it, and it
has a great deal of information, especially
for younger pastors. Since then, I have one
or two other letters which I shall add, and
know that the blessing will be continued.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph E. Stewart
Associate Director

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Fort. Niagara N.Y.

Co. A - 1213 - 19-C

March, 27, 1841

Dear. Rev Nash

Just doing you a few lines to let you know that I haven't forgot you. And I do hope that this letter will find you and your family in the best of health. And for my self I am doing full fine. well. Rev Nash how is every one at church fine I do hope. I miss very much coming to church on Sunday to hear you preach. I like your preaching very much. well Rev Nash. I am doing fine and am in the Army. you know I have charge of all of our boys that come in at Fort. Niagara. I have to drill them and show them how to march. I am a acting Corporal. the commanding officer said that I am doing fine with the boys. and for me to keep up the good work. for I will be making more money. well Rev Nash tell every body at the church that I said that army life is fine and it really makes and man out of you.

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and it is really is a fine place for all young
boys. and I will learn a lot and make better
men out of them. so tell some of them young
boys I said to come to the army and make a
man out of them. my wife and I guess that
all I have to say. but I am very sorry for taking
so long to write you. please forgive this
time. for I have so many things to do in one
day. well give my regards to all the
Barthens and sisters of the Church Sunday
and tell them I said may God be with them.
and all so my regards to Mrs. Nash and
Jane Ann to. will see you all Easter
Sunday when I come home.

P.S. well Ben Nash with my regards and
Bless to you I guess I will say bye bye
to you. and will see you Easter Sunday
when I come to church. please excuse this
writing.

Your Friend
from Brother
Elihu Suggs

REV. BRUCE SWIFT, D. D.
64 DONCASTER RD.
KENMORE, NEW YORK

February 10, 1941

The Rev. J. Edward Nash, D.D.
36 Potter Street
Buffalo, New York

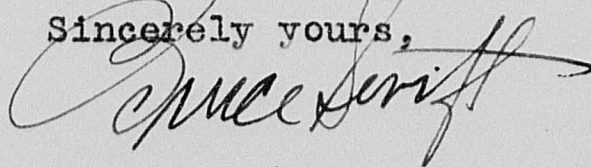
My dear Doctor:

With the inevitable and, of course, welcome confusion after the service yesterday when we were trying to say our "hello-s" to the people, I did not have an opportunity to tell you how well your service appealed to us and especially your use of music. The final solo was especially appealing as a rendition of the words of an old and favored hymn. If your choir can do so well when not fully manned, it must be glorious when all members are present. Mrs. Swift and I want to hear it some time when all its members are present. I very deeply regret that more of our people were not present. Mr. Fisher assured me at the Council of Churches dinner Friday night that there would be at least twenty of our people present at your service.

Will you and Mrs. Nash be my guests at the Urban League dinner at the Consistory on Thursday evening, February twentieth? I would very much like to have you.

With every good wish to you both,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bruce Swift". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely yours,".

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BUFFALO, N. Y.

February 7, 1941

Reverend J. Edward Nash
36 Potter Street
Buffalo, New York

My dear Reverend Nash:

A letter from my colleague Henry H. Lewis, M. D., addressed to you under date of February 5, 1941, making a suggestion concerning Miss Eva M. Bateman has been given careful consideration.

This young woman's record with us, scholastically and otherwise, has been outstanding. In our opinion, it will be very fitting to have a group of her people present at our graduation exercises, Kleinhans Music Hall, Wednesday, February 12, 1941, 10 a. m., particularly for the purpose of doing her honor. Perhaps this can best be accomplished by the presence of a Committee, under your Chairmanship. At an appropriate time, we will be glad to give you the privilege of the floor for the purpose of making such remarks as, in your opinion, will be to the point.

We believe that there should be included in this representation Dr. Henry H. Lewis, Dr. W. Yerby Jones, and such other individuals so that the group, as assembled, may be truthfully described as a cross-section of all the colored people residing in the city of Buffalo.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Walter S. Goodale".

Walter S. Goodale, M. D.
Superintendent

WSG:VK

HENRY H. LEWIS, M. D.
564 MICHIGAN AVENUE
BUFFALO, N. Y.
CLEV. 0804

Feb. 5, 1941

Dr. J. Edward Hask,

My dear friend:- I recently
learned, through our daily
paper, of the remarkable
record attained at the
Memorial Hospital. by a
Miss. Bateman.

I feel
that it would be fitting
that one of our group, would
publicly thank our good
fellow-citizens, who helped
create the opportunity for this
young woman's training.

Having observed,
respected, and thoroughly
appreciated your community
interest, and christian
broad-mindedness for many years,
I take the utmost pleasure
in nominating you to perform
this civic duty, as no member of
our race is better qualified.

Very Sincerely yours
Dr. Henry H. Lewis

Virginia Union Univ.
Richmond, Va.
Jan. 29, 1941.

Dear Counsellors,

I promised to write much sooner, I realize, but until this time the situation had not presented itself.

I have just completed four of my five examinations and I believe that I have done well in them. My chemistry examination is the only one left and I am working hard to do as well in this.

I had to write to tell you that I, as one of your six college students, greatly appreciate the

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things you and the members of the church organization are doing for us. I can truthfully say that no one of the other numerous students in the school has any organization of friends in a church that are so sincerely interested in their work and their future. I shall never, in my life, forget the thought and patience that you and the church have devoted to me as an individual. I only hope that someday I shall be able to repay you not necessarily

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by material value but by spiritual gain. I realize that this will be difficult to do for interest of your kind is something that cannot be reciprocated or repaid.

I know that if every student that pursues his field into college, receives as much interest as I have, he cannot help but become great.

I shall end here so that I can continue my study, in order that I will not fail those who have their trust

placed in me.

Gratefully yours
Theodore

Had you call attention
to Mrs. Alice Scott's
room

I would like some
one to take a group
of our girls with
their teachers to the
Lafayette Care Ch.

May I say a thank
word about
Fletcher & Sons's Supts.

Francisco.



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January 27, 1941

Dr. J. Edward Nash
Pastor, Michigan Avenue Baptist Church
3600 Potter Street
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Nash:

For some time I have been wanting to write you and ask if you would be willing to do a kindness that probably would help a good many young ministers.

We have a Pastors' Hour each Friday morning over our radio station, WMBI. From time to time we have invited various ministers in the Chicago area and presented teachers from the faculty of the Moody Bible Institute. They have discussed the various problems of the minister and of the church. Occasionally we have a layman give his viewpoint on the work of the church and the work of the ministry. It has been very effective and we believe that we have many young ministers listening in regularly each week.

I have in mind presenting a symposium on the subject "The Advantages of a Long Pastorate." Therefore, I have taken my typewriter in hand, writing to several ministers whom I know have enjoyed long pastorates.

We would appreciate so much if you would make a contribution to this subject. You may write at any length you wish, but keep in mind that it will be used along with other letters for the encouragement of young ministers to "stay by the stuff." Please include a descriptive paragraph about your own work and length of pastorate.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph E. Stewart
Associate Director

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January 22, 1941

Dr. J. Edward Nash
36 Potter St.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir and Brother:-

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors of Local 533 A. F. of M. you were elected to honorary membership in the Musicians Association. I am enclosing your membership card; and invite you to be present at the 19th annual banquet of the Local to be held at Little Harlem on Sunday January 26th at 2:30 P. M. All members will be admitted upon presentation of their membership cards.

Fraternally yours

Lloyd V. Plummer

Secretary Local 533 A. F. of M.

36 Potter Street, Buffalo, N. Y.
June 17th 1941.

Rev. Dr. George A. Cole,
410 Huntington Ave.
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Cole:

The Baptist-Disciples in our regular meeting last Monday, June 16th were more than pleased to learn that Wheaton College was conferring upon you the degree, Doctor of Divinity.

It was the unanimous opinion of the brethren that a word of felicitation should be sent you.

We feel that Wheaton has honored herself in honoring you. We rejoice with you in their recognition of your Spiritual, Moral and Literary worth.

We your brother ministers covet the privilege of sharing the honor that has come to you and your church.

We hope that with this new honor that has come to you may come new prestige and influence as you continue to serve in the vineyard of the Lord.

Faithfully your brethren, the Baptist-Disciples Monday Meeting.

J. Edward Nash
Secretary.

36 Potter Street, Buffalo, N. Y.
June 17th 1941.

Rev. Dr. B. S. Ferrall,
248 Northland Ave.
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Ferrall:

We wish you to know that we all have fellowship with you in the experiences through which you are passing these days. We rejoice with you in the fact, that not all the experiences through which you are passing are sad, sorrowful and painful.

We feel that the honor your school has conferred upon you comes to all our ministr^{al} group, and to our city, to which, as pastor you have rendered such signal service.

May you have much of the joy and satisfaction that so justly belong to one who through the years has served so faithfully and unselfishly.

We know that with your great resourceful soul you will not be very long the victim of the affliction that has come to you.

Yesterday we had our last meeting for the season, and separated to meet again Monday, Sept. 15th. When we hope your broken leg will let you be with us.

May all the joys and delights of summer come to your home and fill every available space so that there shall be no room for the gloom, the cloud and the shadows that may seek to enter.

Until we meet again, know that we are with you in every experience that may be yours.

Faithfully your brethren, the Baptist-Disciples Monday Meeting.

J. Edward Nash

Secretary.

Occoguan Vas.
July. 8. 1941.

My Dear Brother & Sister.

I guess you have been wondering why you have not heard from me. well you know I cannot write. and Cornelia has not been feeling so well.

anyhow I am glad to say. that I am able to be around my husband is not any better the boys are fairly well.

Upshur and Neat and Cornelia has been coming down to see us very often. it is really a pleasure to have them it is terrible warm here how is it up there. I hope you all are well and will continue to prosper in all your undertaking give my love to Jesse Jr.

tell him that I really ²
enjoyed his letter. and
I am very glad that he
is doing so well. I hope
he will soon be able to
come down here in his
car. to see his Aunt Annie.
and I would be glad to
hear from him whenever he
has time to drop me a line.
I don't think ~~that~~ I told
you about Birtie Thomas
death she died about a
month ago. Taken sick
on the road and died
less than an hour after
she got her home. it was
very sad. Cyrttha. Cole died
last week. we are
having quite a few deaths
around ~~us~~. God is making
us his number. and it
pays us to be ready for we
don't know when he will

3 Knock at our door.. I ask
you to pray for me that I
will be able to stand the
storm. it gives me great
consolation when I think that
every dark cloud has a silver
lining. Tell Sister this letter
goes for her too. But don't
stop writing to me because
I do enjoy her letters it
is as if she were talking to
me. Cornelia says please excuse
this writing because she is
very nervous. she says that
maby it is because she has
a new granddaughter about a
month old. F.v. H.w. I forgot
to tell you about Han Reed
death he died about a month
ago. he shot himself accidental
and blood poison took place.
I try to tell you about all
the folks that you know.
or can remember who die.

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Oh. how I would love to
have you all come down
to see me any time at
all even if my house was
dirty. how I would love
to see you all. write to
me soon. all the family
joins me in love to
all of you.

from your loving
Sister & Aunt!

Annie Solomon.

Lexington Mo

July 13 1941

To the Buffalo Baptist Church
in Buffalo New York

This certifies that Ben
Davis is a member in
good standing of the 2nd
Baptist Church, and in
compliance with his own
request is affectionately
recommended and dismiss-
ed to your fellowship

If notified within six
(6) months of his union
with you we shall con-
sider him as dismissed
from us otherwise this
letter shall be

null and void

In behalf of the church
Rev. H. H. Haynes Pastor.
John L. Chinn, act clerk

Buffalo, New York
July 21, 1941

You are cordially invited to attend the Closing Exercises of the Hickory Street Christian Center Daily Vacation Bible School; Friday evening, July 25, 1941 at the First Shiloh Bapt. Church, 40 Cedar St. 8 pm.

Dr. Oliver Thompson
Mrs. Lillian Coen
Rev. Elijah Echols

Dean
Principal
Chm. Bd.

PROGRAM OF UNUSUAL MUSICAL AND LITERARY MERIT - CONSISTING OF :

Negro Spirituals, Standard Hymns of the church, Snappy Songs, Motion Songs, Vocal Responses, Prayers - spoken and chanted, Sketches and Mottoes, Slogans, Memory Drills,

Declamations, Scripture Quotations, Salutes and Pledges etc.
Featuring Religious Fealty, Church Loyalty, Good Citizenship, Law Observance, Temperance, Community Welfare, Humane Interest, Race Enterprise.

A VERITABLE RIOT OF ORDER, SYMMETRY, RYTHM, WITH CLOCKLIKE PRECISION

56 Petter Street, Buffalo, N. Y.
July 29th 1940.

My dear Candidate:

You will be glad to know that every thing is in readiness for our baptism next Sun. night, Aug. 4th at 8 O'clock.

I wish you to know the names and addresses of all who will be baptized. They are as follows:

Irving Hill, 382 Madison St.	Deborah Simmons, 280 Walnut St.
Leonard Hill, 382 Madison St.	Rose May Green, 944 Niagara St.
Robert Phoenix, 556 Mich. Ave.	Geraldine Summers, 638 Jefferson Ave.

Please observe the following bits of information: 1-Put on the underwear, including stockings in which you are going to be baptized. 2-Wear your regular top suit, which you will take off when you get ready for baptism, and put on after you are baptized. 3-Bring a suit of underwear that you will put on after you are baptized. 4th Put in your suit case a towel, a handkerchief, and a comb and brush. If you are a girl, it will be well for you to wear a rubber cap to protect your hair, that is if you wish one. It is not absolutely necessary. 5-Be sure to be at the church not later than 7:30. And the Deacons and Deaconesses will meet you and prepare you for baptism, so that you will be ready into the auditorium at 8 o'clock.

Let us all look forward to a very blessed time. I hope you will be in Sun. School and eleven o'clock services Sun. morning.

I am very devotedly your Pastor,

J. Edward Nash

Wilson NY
August 14. 1941

Dear Friend Nash:

Greetings and Salutations

It is your old and ever new
friend speaking, Fred Bone.

I wonder if you would
care to set down, and in your
Official Capacity as Secretary for the
Baptist-Disciple Group of Ministers,
and write out for me a
recommendation, and, if you will
have the Chairman of the Group
sign it.

Last year we spent

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nearly three months in Sunny Honda
and this year we look forward to
spending the whole winter there.

I thought a recommendation
coming from you might introduce
me to the brethren of the South
better than any personal word of
my own. So I shall greatly appreciate
what you may be able to do
along these lines.

As you already know
we were nearly fourteen years at
Delavan and at the advice of
our local physicians we
decided to lay off for at least-

a year ^{or} less if a full recovery
was possible.

I am happy to say that the
rest and change has so far worked
wonders. I feel at least 50%
better than I did last. Xmas and
hope that perhaps by another
spring I shall be as well as ever.

Very sorry I was not able,
to meet with my good brethren
last winter. I felt what was the
use of making a fuss so slipped
away quietly.

We sincerely trust that
the work is going along nicely

with you and all the Church:
Wishing you every blessing and
May God bless you & be with
You

Yours sincerely
Fred Bone

August 23, 1943

Dear *Reverend Nash*:

Two weeks ago we wrote to you concerning an informal gathering to be held this *Thursday* evening. This meeting as you will recall will deal with some of the major problems confronting young people today -- among them: juvenile delinquency, inter-racial unity, recreational program and constructive citizenship.

We are looking forward to seeing you on *Thursday* evening at 8 P.M. at the Hotel Buffalo, Parlors A and B.

Sincerely yours,

Maria James
Mrs. Lloyd James

Daniel Greenwald
Mr. Daniel Greenwald
N.Y. State Representatives
Young Communist League

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Lincoln Hospital
Durham, North Carolina
September 26, 1941

Dear Rev. & Mrs. Nash,

I really am sorry to
have taken so long to write
after leaving so suddenly.
Even though I didn't let
you know, I have been
constantly thinking of
you all. I really miss
you.

I really had no idea,
that I would like the
South as much as I
do. Durham is full of

It is very important for a nurse not to forget her religion. Even though the Church is beautiful, there is nothing like Michigan Avenue.

There are twelve freshmen.

Four or five of them are from Virginia. Even though they admit that Virginia State is very beautiful, they all agree that North Carolina State is even more so. Hills run all through the campus. Can you picture the beauty of it? Soon I shall attend there for some of my

hills. Even though climbing them makes me a little tired, but when I look around and see the beautiful homes that the colored people own, my heart takes pride and I am no longer tired.

Here at the Nurses' Home I feel almost at home. We arise at six and have to be at breakfast by six-thirty. We have devotion at five to seven every morning. We go to Church every Sunday morning and to Vesper Services at the College Sunday afternoon.

classes.

My mother said that you invited her over to keep her from getting lonesome. I can study in peace knowing that she now will be well cared for.

I hope that your health will keep in good condition.

Remember me to the rest of the congregation and remember me in your prayers.

I remain your faithful member,
Elizabeth C. Jones

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE

VESPER HOUR

Sunday, September 21, 1941

Three P. M.

The Organ Voluntary Andante Cantabile Tschaikowsky

The Period of Silent Meditation

"If we work upon marble, it will perish. If we work upon brass,
time will efface it. If we rear temples, they will crumble to
dust. But if we work upon men's immortal minds, if we imbue them
with high principles, with the just fear of God and love of their
fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something which no time
can efface, and which will brighten and brighten to all eternity."

--Daniel Webster

The Lord's Prayer (The audience will join in the Chant)

The Vesper Hymn Stand Up For Jesus Webb
(The audience will stand and sing)

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross,
Lift high His royal banner, It must not suffer loss;
From vict'ry unto vict'ry, His army He shall lead,
Till every foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The trumpet call obey,
Forth to the mighty conflict, In this His glorious day;
Ye that are men, now serve Him Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger, And strength to strength oppose.

A Spiritual Over My Head Traditional

The Address Reverend J. Neal Hughley

The Chorus Courage Huhn
The Men's Glee Club

The Closing Thought:--

"Courage, the highest gift, that scorns to bend
To mean devices for a sordid end.
Courage--an independent spark from Heaven's
bright throne,
By which the soul stands raised, triumphant high,
alone,
Great in itself, not praises of the crowd,
Above all vice, it stoops not to be proud.
Courage, the mighty attribute of powers above
By which those great in war, are great in love,
The spring of all brave acts is seated here,
As falsehoods draw their birth from fear."

--Farquhar

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The Postlude

September 29th 1941.

First Christian Church,
Dr. W. G. Casne Chairman,
Normal & Monroe Streets,
Carbondale, Ill.

Dear Brethren:

Your Pastor elect, ^{city,} as Pastor of the First Christian Church. the Rev. James A. Trewolla has spent about five years in ~~our~~ ^{as members of} the Baptist-Disciples Monday Ministers Meeting have been blessed with his fellowship ever since he came to this city. He was Vice Moderator for one year, and then Moderator for one year.

We have found in him a very fine comrade. He is able resourceful and congenial.

It is always cause for regret for our city Council of Churches, and our own organization to lose a character of Bro. Trewolla's vision, foresight, and helpfulness. But we rejoice with him in the new opportunity that has come to him to serve. And we congratulate you upon your good fortune in secure him as your Pastor.

We pray that the years of your relationship may be long and mutually helpful.

We are yours sincerely,
The Baptist-Disciples Monday Ministers Meeting.

Secretary.

J. Edward Nash

Fayetteville, N. C.
P.O. Box 504 Phone 117

Oct. 23, 1941

Rev. J. Edward Nash

36. Potter St.

Buffalo N. Y.

Dear Schoolmate,
Friend, and Brother:

Your letter received some time ago, was really an inspiration, a joy, a treasure, giving me more joy than can be expressed through the medium of my pen. It was so full of information about

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yourself and your work.
I felt as if I had really
paid you a visit. I
thought I would ans-
it once - but have pro-
crastinated until now.

First I went to the
Belgian Corner stone Lay-
ing and the Commence-
ment exercises. So few
of the Chaylandites when
I was there before, George
Hughes you and I were
the only ones I think
This time S. B. Holmes
Amelia Jones / Fellon
and I. We missed
being entertained by

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by Dear old Dr. King.
to greet many of those
with whom we were
associated long ago. (57 years)
Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Simpson
seemed so very glad to
have us. at the close
of the commencement.
Dr. Clark recognized
and presented Amelia
and me to the large
audience. after all it
was a joy to be there.

I am not go-
ing to write you all
I would like to say
but I am telling you
a few happenings.

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Some years ago I went to
Jackson Miss. to the N. T. Teachers
Association spent a night
in Birmingham Ala-
there I met W. J. Clark
my classmate. '96. and since
then we have kept
up with each other.
He has been successful
in rearing and educat-
ing his children the
only son is a doctor
Three girls engaged
as teachers. and business
one daughter married
He has bought built
a lovely home, handsomely
furnished. His wife is a

satisfactory partner. He is
a devoted deacon & lover
of the Lord it seems. I had
a letter from him this
week. He has been ill
for about five weeks but
was better, able to sit up
and write me. I also
have had a nice letter
from Amelia Jones, and
Mary (Norman) Scott re-
cently. Agnes (Ferry) Sin-
clair is well except
her limbs are not so
well. This summer ^{rheumatism} she
is the President of the
Woman's Missionary
Work of the State.

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Her Son, Perry Sinclair
is married, and at pres-
ent, is working in Mt
in the insurance busi-
ness. Lizzie Perry is still
in New York. She rooms
with a friend of mine
from my town. Annie
Perkins died about a month
ago. She was buried
in New York from Dr.
A. C. Powell's church I think.
I worshiped in that great
church when I was in
New York 1839. visited
Harry Page who married
my classmate, Geneva Hovey.
I sometimes see Willie
(Gordon) Moore, when I'm

in Roanoke Va. She is
a widow has a number
of children her husband
was a leading physician of
that town. They had a lovely
home. Attorney Jim Ellis
is near me. He and his
wife are my neighbors
and real friends. Dough-
Carter passed away two
years ago or more in Charles-
ton W. Va. I am sure I
have written you since
being a widow. How-
ever. I have been a
widow for 11 years now
Lost my splendid home
and all of my former

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possessions after my husband's death. Many have been my struggles and disappointments along with a lonely life. Without the companionship of a good husband. But the Lord has been so good to me. I have been able to purchase a home and make it comfortable. I am a retired teacher now for the second term. This year I was put on the substitute list and already I have done some teaching. I paid the last dollar on my ^{ones}

my fine room cottage
with modern conveni-
ences before I was
retired. None of the
children live with
me. I was successful
to get the two youngest
girls through college. The
Baby girl graduated from
Howard University. Lives
in N.Y. is married. The
^{other girl} taught in Oklahoma, took
sick, we brought her home
she died before her father.
The rest are married with
one exception. I have no care
of family. all of my im-
mediate family have passed
except some cousins. Make
haste finish your book that
I may see it. Please write
me soon. I am active, happy
trusting in the Lord in my old days.

Love for your wife and
fine boy. I would like
to see you and family

I am so glad
you married. The
Lord has really blessed
your labor. May you
continue to succeed
as formerly. Hezekiah
Walden has a daughter
married and living at In-
stitute. ^(Brooklyn) Mather Brilman's
daughter is Mrs. Cooper of
Hampton. She and husband
are members of the faculty.

Goodnight, God

Bless. Truly your school
mate and friend Amelia McDaniel
Saunders

St Myers Fla.
Oct. 30, 1941.

To the Pastor & Members of the Michigan
Ave Baptist Church, I am gratefully
acknowledging my letter that you
sent me from the church if you
havnt heard from the Friendship
Baptist Church you will at an early
date, they were pleased to receive a
letter from a Northern City recomen-
ding a member so highly, and for
that cause they have ask me to join
the Deacons' board which I accepted.
they made me vice chairman, and a
church reporter, the church is going
nicely, and I do trust Michigan Ave.
Baptist Church is doing the same.
on monday night they had a pastors
solo contest and my Pastor won Rev.
Hamilton. I am praying that the 50th

anniversary next June may be the
biggest affair Michigan Ave. Baptist
Church has ever had, if possible you
may see me. I am sending my best
regards to every member of the church
hoping that you will continue to
pray for me. That I may for ever
hold up the blood stain banner
of the cross Sincerely yours ^{sister.} in Christ

- Elizabeth

Richardson.

1611 Evans Ave.



FORT BRAGG
NORTH CAROLINA

Battery "A" 16th Bn.
5th F.A.T.R.
Fort Bragg,
N.C.

Wed. Evening after
Chow. (supper)
12/31/41

Dear Rev. Nash,

Now that I am well on my way toward being one of Uncle Sam's soldier boy, and maybe future cannon fodder for Hitler's hungry guns (smiles) I feel I can give you some idea of army's life and the contact I have had with it.

It is now well over three months since I have changed my status from that of a civilian to that of a military soldier, and frankly, as yet I have not fallen fully in love with the new life. Not that Army life isn't any good — no such is not the case; I am just one of the many thousands who feel the army is good for everyone but himself. (smiles)

We have clockwork schedules to follow from 5:30 in the morning until nine at night, when we are again forced to retire under the covers of our bed. During the course of



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our training we are taught the fundamentals of army tactics which includes drilling, overnight hikes, rifle practice, theory study and other important phases of modern warfare. This training, they claim, is very important to the making of a good soldier, but we add the fact that it is important because we may have to put the same into practice somewhere in England. so we are taking it all in with much consideration for future application. (smiles)

By chance I happened to be placed with an artillery unit. I am a radio man with the signal section of this unit. Our job is to signal the gunners where to fire; I hope though the fellows will listen to orders and aim high enough to shell over our heads and not on our heads. (smiles)

Fort Bragg is quite a large fort and has many colored and white units on it, but it seems a little too far from anywhere. That is, it is quite



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away from the nearest town, so most of the amusements are created on the fort by the soldiers for the soldiers. Of course, they have just opened a U. S. O. building in town for the soldiers but many of us feel that it is a little too far away from the fort for comfort when trouble brews up. Possibly you have heard much about conditions on this fort from the papers, but I believe conditions have improved considerably since the trouble last August.

Our religious life is well cared for even though we are taught how to kill for six days and taught how to sew on the seventh. (smiles) We dedicated our new chapel last month and are at present using it to the best of advantage. The Chaplain is quite a busy man. Besides giving sermons on Sunday, and listening to hard luck stories from many fellows who are trying to get out or get a few

days leave; he is busy arranging dances and other social engagements for the fellows. So you can see he must be religious yet have a touch of that jolly little man we call the "devil", in him.
(Smiley)

As a whole though the army isn't too bad. Rev. Nash and it really is beneficial to those in it. If by chance the war clouds blow over, the fellows will all be blessed by having a more physical fit body, cleaner moral and a better spiritual understanding to face the so called unstable outside world.

While this letter may be brief in content I hope it will serve as my personal voice ~~in~~ giving you and those who know and remember me a scant idea of my few months in the army. With much regards to the members, back-sliders, friends, girls, hypocrites and others who question my identity, I remain a member in

spirit but a soldier in body —
— Le Roy P. Farmer

P.S. Next time I come to church
I'll try not to trick you — I'll
wear the uniform — — — — —
— — — — maybe! (smiles)



DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

City of Buffalo

NEW YORK



AUSTIN J. ROCHE
COMMISSIONER

Dec. 10, 1941

Dear Sir:

A committee of the Clergy, representing the Jewish, Protestant and Catholic faiths of this city, have met in conference, in my office on several occasions recently, for the purpose of formulating protective measures for their institutions in case of an emergency.

A plan has been evolved which we believe will be effective in meeting any emergency.

Attached you will find two copies of a questionnaire which I would appreciate having you fill out. One copy is to be kept by you for future reference and the other returned to me at Police Headquarters.

The purpose of this questionnaire, is to gather information regarding your property, that will be of value to yourself, your institution and to this department in case of an emergency, such as fire, explosion, or any other type of accident or disaster.

It is the desire of this department to have each institution, or organization, such as yours, appoint a sufficient number of men and women from your group, and have them become thoroughly acquainted with the physical structure of the buildings on your property, such as locations of all exits, shutoffs of water, gas, electricity etc., and be familiar with all the special problems. These individuals should be assigned to specific duties, preferably in pairs, so they would be prepared to take the proper action in any emergency.

A series of lectures on various subjects, and courses in First Aid, are being given by this department to members of these groups.

If you will forward the names, addresses, age and phone number of the persons that you select or appoint for this duty, we will be very happy to enroll them in our Civilian Defense Warden organization, and assign them to instruction classes that will be convenient to them.

Very truly yours,

Austin J. Roche,
Commissioner of Police.

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF NEW YORK

MINISTER
JOHN HAYNES HOLMES

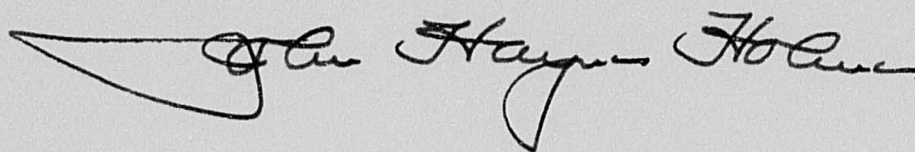
STUDY
TEN PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY
December 18, 1941.

Dear Mr. Nash:

I beg to thank you for your gracious letter. Your words bring comfort and cheer to my heart. I see that you are a veteran in this great cause, and therefore I am humbled as well as uplifted before you. I am grateful beyond words for your taking the trouble to write me, and thus place your hand in mine.

I am returning to you carefully these documents which bring back to mind the experience of the last war. It seems as though we were living our lives all over again, doesn't it? May God be kind and help us anew.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Haynes Holmes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Rev. J. Edward Nash,
511 Michigan Avenue,
36 Potter Street,
Buffalo, N.Y.

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January 9th 1941.

To whom it may concern:

I am glad to bear testimony as to the real worth of Miss Elizabeth Jones. She has grown up in our church. And has been educated in the Grammar and High Schools of our city.

Miss Jones is a young woman of exceptionally fine qualities. She is a member and active in the work of our church.

We feel quite certain, that as a nurse she will make a record that will be satisfactory, and one of which all shall be proud.

With this letter go my sincere wishes that she may receive most favorable consideration from all with whom she may deal, and who may have any thing to do with her future success.

I am very truly

Edward H. Hark

January 11th 1941.

Mrs. James Anderson,
302 Pine Street,
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear sister:

In body, I have not been to see you during your present illness. But I think I can truthfully say, no one has been more beside your bed on his knees than I have been. I have thought about, and prayed for you much. But even then I have not felt quite satisfied. For it is always my sincere desire to visit my members when they are ill. However, as I think you know, I have not been well, have suffered with a nasty cold for about two weeks. Nevertheless if I had not ^{met} Bro. Anderson, your husband on the street, I would have, possibly unwisely, been over to see you. But he was so loving, kind and thoughtful and advised ^{me} not to run into sickness in the condition in which I was. I thanked him and took his advice.

I hope you are rapidly improving and will be yourself again very soon. I do not need to tell you to be in constant touch with our great PHYSICIAN; for I know you will do that. For I think if any one knows how to do that you do.

We know all things work together for good to those who love God, who are the called according to his purpose. And again I can say, I know you are one of those who love God, and who are the called.

I do not need to tell you that no one of our members is missed from the activities of our work ^{more} than you are. Your constant faithfulness has made it so.

Tomorrow we shall all remember you when we feast with one another and with our Lord.

Keep on living in the upper room with the KING, and have hope as an anchor to the soul both sure and steadfast.

With much love from all, I am lovingly your Pastor,

Edward Kirk

January 22nd 1941.

Mr. Chauncey J. Hamlin,
Buffalo Museum Of Science,
Humbolt Park,
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Hamlin:

I am very glad, that in this critical period among the peoples of the world, that you and your Institution are going to give Buffalo an opportunity to see something of what Africa has been and done in the world of art.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your appointing me as a member of your Honorary Committee in connection with the coming of Professor Locke. I shall be more than glad to serve. You say, there will be no expenditure of time or money involved. That is fine for me these busy moneyless days. But I would be very thankful if you would let me know somewhat in detail just what the Committee is expected to do; when and where we are to meet etc.

I am yours very truly,

Edward Nash

January 14th 1941.

Whom
To, it may concern:

Miss Ora Lee Harriston has lived here in Buffalo for more than ten years. She is a graduate from the Grammar and High Schools of Buffalo.

She has lofty ambitions, and merits the aid of any and all who may be in position to help her. Her desire to take a college course in Dietetics is very worthy and wise.

Miss Harriston has been a member of our church for a number of years. And as her Pastor I am very glad to commend her.

I am wishing for her great success. And hope she may have the favorable consideration of all with whom she may have to deal.

I am yours very truly,

J. Edward Nash

February 13th 1941.

Rev. Dr. Bruce Swift,
64 Doncaster Road,
Kenmore, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Swift:

The presence at our church, last Sunday morning of the people from your church, and particularly of you and Mrs. Swift, was a source of great encouragement and inspiration. You were especially heartening to me.

Our very great desire was to have a simple service, according to our custom, that would be helpful to all. And I am glad, that at least in some small degree we were successful.

We shall see to it that when our choir is all present you and Mrs. Swift are notified.. But hope you may come at any time that you may be prompted to do so.

It will be one of our chief delights to be your guests at the Urban League dinner. We anticipate a very pleasant and helpful evening with you and Mrs. Swift..

Please accept my sincere thanks for all your kindnesses.

I am yours very truly,

Edward Nash

February 14th 1941.

Rev. Ralph E. Stewart,
153 Institute Place,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Brother Stewart:

Knowing as I do what it means to send the kind of letter that you sent me the 27th of last month, you should have had an answer long ago. For I had the same kind of experience about 17 years ago. But I know you will pardon my delay when I tell you that I have not been able to do what I wished to do. So after waiting all this time I find that I am not able to give you anything new. But I am sending the paper that I read once in Buffalo and once, through your kindness, in Batavia. Take whatever you can use, and when you are through please send it back to me.

You asked me to tell something specifically of my work here in Buffalo. The fact is I have not kept very many records; and do not believe there has been very much, except that I have staid here nearly 49 years, and hope to celebrate the 50th anniversary of my pastorate here in June 1942, outstanding in my work here.

It may be of some interest to know that I have baptized about 500 persons, married 944 persons and have had about 700 funerals. I was clerk of the Buffalo Baptist Association 32 years, and received a purse of nearly \$150.00 when I retired. I was Moderator of our Association for one year, Vice President of the General Ministers' Monday Meeting that has a session the last Monday in each month. I am Sect. of the Baptist-Disciples Monday Ministers' Meeting, and have been for nearly 40 years.

When I celebrated the 45th anniversary of my pastorate here I was appointed by the Supt. Chaplain of the City Hospital and still hold that position.

Brother Stewart I do hope that this matter will reach you in time for you to make use of it.

When you send my paper back please let me know how you came out.

With very best wishes, I am yours truly,

Edward Kish

March 22nd 1941.

Mrs. Anna F. Anderson,
Perrysburg Hospital,
Perrysburg, N. Y.

My dear Sister Anderson:

You had hardly reached the hospital when you did what I like so much to have our members do when they are away, especially when they are away as you are, you wrote me a comforting and encouraging letter. I wish you to know that I appreciate it very much. I have tried to find time to answer and write you just the kind of letter that I wish you to have. But I have come to the conclusion if I wait for such a time that I would be too long answering you letter.

As I think you know, this is Saturday the day when I try to finish preparing for my Sunday work. Nevertheless I have decided to drop a line to my Sister at Perrysburg before I do another thing on my work for tomorrow. Then too I am blessed in that our Brother Dr. Thompson is going to preach for me tomorrow morning. He has a series of talks giving on HOW TO WIN SOULS. And I am very glad to have him do that for that is the kind of work in which I believe with all my heart. It is the kind of work that I know our Lord wishes us to do.

I have been asking the church to make next Sunday what I please to call ANOTHER MEMBER SUNDAY, when each member shall endeavor to bring some one who will become a member of our church by baptism, experience or by letter. I am hoping that we all may have great success.

Surely I do not wish to get sick, nevertheless, I almost envy you; for you are out there where you can get the good fresh air, good food, plenty good rest, and best of all, plenty quiet and rest where you have a chance, unmolested to meditate and to be alone with GOD. When we are in the bustle and tumult of the city it is not so easy for us to have these privileges. So I know you are going to get the most out of every thing.

I shall not attempt to give you social news, I shall let the sisters do that. But it will be interesting to you to know that the entire church is engaged in what they term a pound rally, which is an idea suggested by Mrs. Colly. They say that during the three months, ending the last of May, that they are going to raise \$1,000. I hope we may have great success. The church is busy also under the leadership of the Prosperity Club, the Pulpit Com. and the Willing Workers' Club, putting in our new organ and new carpet for Palm and Easter Sundays.

Have a lots of faith and pray for us, and I assure you that we shall do the same for you. Write when you can. Frances and the Boy send much love to you. I am your Pastor, *CEH*

April 15th 1941.

Mr. & Mrs. James Upshur Doleman & Amelia,
1624 Nineth Street,
N. W. Washington, D. C.

My dear Upshur, Vete and Amelia:

The news of dear Anna's death was sudden, but not shocking. For we have learned long since that Jesus meant it when he said, Be ye also ready.

I am certain that Anna, because of her very fine personality and because of her training, was ready to leave, for a while, earthly Mother, Father and Sister and to be for ever with her heavenly Father.

We can not sorrow as those who have no hope, but ^{rejoice rather} in the victory and triumph that have come to our dear Anna. We know she shares in a real way the meaning of the words of our Lord: I am he that liveth, and was dead, and behold I am alive for ever more. And because I live ye shall live also.

We can not be with you in body. But you may be assured that we with you in spirit.

Much love to all the Occoquan Family.

I am as ever your uncle,

Edward M. Hush

April 24th 1941.

Miss Jane Pfeiffer,
511 Mosher Hall,
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dear Miss Pfeiffer:

I think you are majoring in a good field, a field that will give you a great opportunity to do much good.

The bit of information that I am sending you may help you a little. And when you take up your practical work here in Buffalo not every thing will be altogether new to you. I have endeavored in a very simple way to answer your questions.

- 1-Technically speaking, we do not operate as a case finding agency. However in visiting homes, and observing those who attend our church services we discover conditions that need to be remedied. And these contacts give us an opportunity to work on these conditions.
- 2-Our personnel are just ordinary lay persons, who have had years of practical experience. And they go about their work with honesty and sincerity.
- 3-We can hardly expect to get money in the same way in which our regular social agencies do, from the Community Chest. However some philanthropic in our churchese might be persuaded to help us. But our sure dependence is to be found in our members, when they have work where they get good wages.
- 4-We cooperate with the Council of Social Agencies, the Council of Churches, the Y.M.C.A., the Urban League, the Buffalo Friendship Home, the Children's Court, the Police Department and the Public Schools.
- 5-We usually refer such cases to regular social agencies or seek their counsel and advice as we endeavor ourselves to guid such children.
- 6-Lack of proper homes and home training. Improper irregular social institutions as dance halls, drinking places admitting children, and social clubs run by adults for children.
- 7-Establish and maintain better equipped, more attractive churches. Have a larger and a more comprehensive program, and at least one or two well trained paid workers.
- 8-The Court is always sympathetic and willing to cooperate with parents and others who are trying to relieve delinquent situations.

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- b) The Child Guidance Clinic helps to keep children well. And well children are more apt to be socially normal and law abiding.
- c) The Police Department does a good job. But would do a much better job if it had well qualified sympathetic Negro policemen dealing with Negro delinquents.
- d) Detention Homes do much to help delinquent children, providing they are not too far gone when they go to the homes.
- e) Probation Officers are very helpful, in that they take time and use much patience and aim to find out all possible about the child before the Court renders a decision. The child is always appreciative of a chance to make good.

9-About 20% are church goers.

10-The church activities have about the same effect upon the children that they have upon the adults.

11-My answer to Question 7 is about all that I can say.

I truly hope your thesis will accomplish what you desire.

I am yours very truly,

May 1st 1941.

Rev. Ross W. Sanderson,
170 Franklin Street,
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Sanderson:

All through the year as Pastor and Church, we have had our mind quite made up as to what we would try to do for the Council. In a way, the mite that we are giving was in our benevolent budget.

I have thought over and over again, what a fine thing it would be, if our churches that make up the Council would agree to accept a quota, according to their ability, that would be determined by a committee, for the entire Council budget. It would save a lots of time, energy and thought, and some money all of which could be used far more profitably.

I know full well, that as a rule the fellow who gives least has most to say. But the main reason for my saying what I am saying is because it is what our church has practically done. We have not gone through the routine of subscribing. But we have gotten a little amount and we are immediately sending it in. Inclosed you will find a check for Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00).

I hope things are going fine and that our group may take advantage of the chance to receive some aid in our Religious Education.

Yours very truly,

Edward Hush

May 1st 1941.

Mrs. Tina Scott,
339 Pratt Street,
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Sister Scott:

Most of my SEVENTY THREE years have been lived in a very rapidly moving age. A hundred or seventy five years ago it would have taken about three times as long to live three score ten and three as it has taken me.

There are disadvantages and there are advantages in living in an age like this when time and distance, for all practical purposes, have been removed. The disadvantages come if we can not keep PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY and SPIRITUALLY fit. Through the years I have endeavored to keep mentally alert, physically strong and spiritually alive. As to how well I have succeeded I may think, others know.

Forty nine of the seventy three years I have spent in the pastorate at the MICHIGAN AVE. BAPTIST CHURCH. And eighteen of these forty nine years I have had the honor to serve you and other members of your family as pastor. Please believe me when I say no member that I have endeavored to serve during these years has given me more genuine pleasure than it has given me in serving you. I do not need to tell you, that in order to serve successfully and helpfully, a pastor must be long suffering forbearing and patient. But I know also that a people that will for a great number of years accept service from a pastor must have and practice much long suffering forbearance and patience. And I wish you to know how much I have appreciated through the years these virtues in you as we have endeavored to work together as citizens in the kingdom of God.

My wife and boy wish to share with me as I express to you my deep sincere gratitude for all the kindness that you have shown me through the years. Your beautiful card inner envelope and contents just received. With great reluctance I shall respect your wishes and refrain from publishing the fact you have remembered me in such a large way on this my birth day.

I pray that God may continue to bestow upon you every needed blessing.

I hope to see you on the next Lord's day.

As ever devotedly I am your Pastor,

Edward Hask

May 9th 1941.

To whom it may concern:

I have met Mr. George Gaskin, the bearer, and talked with him, and believe him to be worthy of the aid that he seeks.

He has attended the Michigan Ave. Baptist Church of which I am Pastor. I am glad to be able to vouch for him.

I feel quite certain he will make good when he gets to work.

Very truly yours,

J. Edward Rush

May 16th 1945.

To whom it may concern:

I am very glad to certify that I have known the bearer Miss Madeline Brown ever since she was a baby; ~~and~~ have watched her grow into womanhood, physically, mentally and particularly musically.

Miss Brown has a fine literary training, having graduated from the Grammar and High schools of Buffalo, her native city. She is an upright ~~and~~ young woman, is and has been a good and regular member of the Michigan Ave. Baptist church.

during her womanhood, and indeed when she was a girl she has shown unusual interest and ability in music. To the satisfaction of those who are qualified to judge she has shown herself more than worthy of consideration; she has been under the guidance of good music teachers. Mme. Priore has been her teacher and has helped her in the very fine recitals that she has given. Mme. Marion Priore sees great possibilities in Miss Brown.

Miss Brown has attracted the attention of Mr. Franco Autori who has given her coaching lessons.

I am certain Miss Brown, if given a chance will measure up to the hopes and expectations of those who know her and her very fine ability.

With confidence I am respectfully yours,

L. E. Brown

v May 27th 1941.

Miss Gwendolyn Green,
4 Byrd Hall,
Va. State College,
Petersburg, Va.

My dear Gwendolyn:

There are always many elements in letters that make them interesting and pleasing to me. I am interested in subjects discussed, in facts presented, in the words, grammar, rhetoric and logic used to express one's thoughts on the subjects discussed. I can honestly say without the least flattery that your letter contains all these to my satisfaction. Hence your letter is very interesting and pleasing.

Gwendolyn, I know you as all diligent students are busy and occupied every moment, endeavoring through study and application to train body mind and spirit for future usefulness. So you have been very kind and thoughtful to take time to write me a letter that in such a definite clear way gives me an intelligent idea of your own life and activities there and of the life and activities of your great school.

I am very glad you had the opportunity, and took advantage of it, to visit Virginia Union. It is really a great school. And no one can matriculate there with honesty and earnestness and come out a mediocre person. Of course I must say anything that savors of egotism, but I have come out of Union, and if I am mediocre I have become so since I came out. It is a fine thing that Buffalo is represented there by such ^a worthwhile young man as Theodore Jackson. Surely we all as a church are very proud of him.

Among our members, during the years, Buffalo has meant much from an educational viewpoint. I think I have already told you, that at one time a man, James Storum, from our church was the President of your school. We had another in person of James Henry who was until his death ~~was~~ the Principal of a High School in Knoxville, Tenn. You remember well Charlott Brown who taught public school in Washington D.C. Just a few years ago William Crawford completed his medical course at Howard University and is now practicing in California. And just last week I received an invitation from Ernest W. Williams who is graduating from Meharry Medical College. And now with you at Va. State, Curtys at Howard and Theodore at Va. Union, I think Michigan ^{Ave} has much of which to be justly proud.

I shall look forward to seeing you soon, and we shall have a chance to talk over the things in which we are mutually interested. I wish very much that our church had a fund so we could have you help us this summer. With the very fine training that you have had you could do much for children. Well we shall continue to live in hopes.

With very best wishes, I am very truly your Pastor,

Edmund H. ...

May 27th 1941.

Mrs. Amelia McDaniels Saunders,
Box 504,
Fayetteville, Va.

My dear Sister Amelia:

Your interesting letter recently received was cheering and inspiring. It was like a refreshing shower in a sun parched thirsty land.

I like to live over again the years we spent with dear ones on Maridian Hill, Wayland campus. And that is just what your letter helped to do. I know we have missed much that would have cheered and encouraged us because we have failed, utterly failed to keep in touch with loved ones with whom we spent our youthful days on the Hill. And now we have waited so long that most of them are gone, and we can not keep in touch with them here. But nevertheless, we are glad that we may keep in touch with them there.

Of those who remain in the flesh I know of none save Adam Powell, and G. T. Dillard and I think Lizzie Perry all of New York City. For the last time I was in New York City I saw Lizzie in Powell's great church; Thomas L. Griffith of Los Angeles, Calif., Arina Mack of Leesburg, Va., Anna Johnson Archer of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga. and Yourself. I included in the number who remain Griffith, but he passed on about a year ago. He visited me just two years ago; at which time he told me that he just felt that he wanted to visit his old home and many relatives down in Virginia once more. I know Archer, Fuller, Mattie Brown Prillerman have gone to their reward. And your letter informs me Sinclair is also sainted. I take it that you are quite familiar with the career of these whose names I have mentioned, so I shall not presume to tell you about them.

If I live just one year and one month I shall be celebrating the Fiftieth anniversary of my pastorate here. When I celebrated the Fortieth anniversary Powell came from New York and preached the sermon for me. When I celebrated the Forty Fifth anniversary Prof. Simpson came from Richmond and gave the anniversary address.

I am endeavoring to write a brief history of my life, especially of my stay in Buffalo. If I am successful in finishing it you shall have a copy.

I married when I was 57, have a boy in his 16th year, and third year in High School. My wife whom I have known ~~off~~ all of her life. She is much younger than I am, but has more gray hair than I. I have not had any hair on the front part of my head for a great number of years.

My church numbers about 500. I have had 250 funerals, have baptized about 500, and have married about 1,000.

Well I would like to write much more, but must finish now by saying with great sorrow I will not be able to meet you in Richmond. Hope you may have the time of your life.

I am your classmate and friend,

Edward Mack

June 9th 1941.

Mr. James Upshur Doleman,
1624 Ninth Street,
N. W. Washington, D. C.

My dear Upshur:

Your letter, though reporting the very sad experiences through which you all have been and are still passing, it was very comforting; for it shows in a very fine way that you all know God, and understand, as we poor limited creatures are able to understand, his ways. I would not ask for more pleasing satisfactory expressions from children of God than are found in your letter. Dear Amelia and Veat will help you and I know you will help them. And above all the everlasting arms are under you all; and you are bound to come out all right. The fellowships we have here are great and comforting. But they are not to be compared with the everlasting eternal fellowship that we have with the loved ones over there. The greater the number of loved ones we have over there the nearer and dearer Beulah land becomes to us.

I know too well what high blood pressure is; for I have had it for a great number of years. And only by be careful am I able to carry on. For a good while I have tried to keep out of all undue excitement. And I think you understand how difficult to do that and be a Pastor in a great city like Buffalo. Just last Sunday while I was dressing I had a spell that kept me away from my church. And I thought I would be compelled to stay, at least for the day, but when my church learned about my condition they prayed for me, and within an hour I was at the church. Of course I did not take charge of the services. For it happened that our Sunday School, it being Children's Day, had charge of the services. The James Marshall Sr. was present also; for he happened to be in the city visiting his children. If it be God's will I am anxious even to beat dear Anna, and not stay in bed three days before I go to meet her and all the loved ones over there.

I am very glad Rev. Bro. James Marshall was able to serve you so well and satisfactorily. I felt quite certain he would. I have endeavored to do the same for him here more than once. I have buried his mother, and three or four other members of his family. I went to Washington and preached his wife's funeral sermon. She had me promise to do this.

Frances, Jesse and I have just sent a letter to sister, your mother endeavoring to comfort and help her bear her burdens. I am so glad she has Cornealia and the other younger members of the family there to comfort and help her.

I sincerely hope and pray that you may very soon be rid of your head trouble. For I can surely sympathize with you, my head bothers me nearly all the time.

Amelia has proved herself an unusually fine young woman. And I hope she may make good in the high school work.

I suppose, like others, you are being favorably effected by the intense defense program. Most every body up here seems to be getting more work and, fortunately, more money. From a meterial viewpoint, I think it behheves every one of us to make the most possible of these times. For I believe that after these time we shall have times that will test our souls.

To the best of your ability, I hope you all will be just as active as possible in your church life. Nothing will be more helpful to you all.

Frances and Jesse send much love to you all. Frances says tell Veat that she knows something of the experience through she is passing just now, and that she will love and wait until she is able to write.

As always, these are busy days for me. As possibly, you remember I shall be celebrating the 49th anniversary of my pastorate of the Mich. Ave. Baptist church here in this city, the 28th of this month. I hope and am praying to that end, that I shall be spared to celebrate my 50th anniversary next June.

God abundantly bless you all. Tell Veat and Amelia that I am praying for them that they may be, with joy, reconciled to God's program.

Write us when you can, for we are always glad to receive your letters.

With very best wishes, I am as ever your uncle,

June 28th 1941.

Mrs. Anna F. Anderson,
J. N. Adam Hospital,
Perrysburg, N. Y.

My dear Sister Anderson:

Mentally I have written you a great number of times. But my hands have not gotten busy and done the job every time I have thought about it.

I do not need to tell you that evry time they bring joy and gladness to me. For you always give evidence of the fact that you are living in an atmosphere of hope and confidence.

I have not been first rate since I wrote you last. My old heart has been telling me that I am not as strong as I used to be, and to slow down. For two weekd I have been going out to the Hospital just to report and let the Doctor look me over, but not to make my rounds. Today, Fri. I had 32 persons on my list, but only visited 8, and then I was tired and came home. The Dr. says I am getting on all right. I hope so, but I know our great Physician is looking after us .

I understand some of the Deaconesses have been out to see you and I suppose they have given you about all the worthwhile news.

Things are moving on in the church life about as usual. It will interesting to you to know that the Rev. Williamson has left the Union Baptist church in Lackawanna , and tht our Brother, the Rev. Thompson, who has always been announcing that he would not go into the pastorate any more, is out there . And that help that he felt so much that he should give me has suddenly come to an end, just at the time when I could use some one to an advantage. But I suppose it is always true, that every hen scratches for herself. I hope, if he remain, he may do well,,which no pastor that has been out there has ever done.

If God spare my life and I am here just one year from to day we will be celebrating my 50thh Anniversary. Some of the members are getting busy already and are suggesting different things that should go into the program. I have many things in my mind, bu I have not called the members together as yet. Personally I would like to see the old church thoroughly gone over and all necessary improvements made. I would like to see new windows in, the entire roof covered, a new steam heating plant installed, a new entrance to the church, the church thourghly painted on the outside, and redecorated within with new pews and new carpet. Then I would like to see us secure an Anniversary fund of \$1,000. I would not wish to see all, or any part, of this done if I felt we were not able to do it. But I feel that under God we are able. I have not said these things to any other member as yet. And all expect or wish you to do about it all is to do what you know how to do, PRAY.

I thank you very much for your HERB PUZZLING CARD. I have gotten a lots of fun out of it.

Write when you can Frances and Jesse send love to you.
I am as ever your Pastor

June 28th 1941.

Mrs. Margaret Butler,
Fillmore Hospital,
Buffalo, N. Y.

My Dar Mrs. Butler:

I wished you to know that for three weeks I have been suffering from a heart attack. I am very thankful that I am getting on very well. But not able as yet to do my hospital visiting, else I should have been out to see you again before now.

I hope you are getting on well and will be all right soon.

With kindest regards, I yours very truly,

Edward Rusk

July 24th 1941.

To whom it may concern:

I am very glad to certify that I have known Mr. Thomas L. Cosby for more than twenty five years. And he has been a citizen of Buffalo during all these years. Over twenty years I married him, and he has been a member of the Michigan Ave. Baptist Church for twenty five years.

I hope he may receive the favorable consideration, which he merits, from all who are in position to help him.

I am yours respectfully,

Edward Nash

July 26th 1941.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that I have known Mrs. Margery V. Slaughter of 431 Clinton Street for more than thirteen years, and that she has been a continuous citizen of Buffalo during all these years.

I hope this bit of information, that I willingly give, may serve ~~her~~ and help ~~her~~ to establish the facts that are required of her at this ~~time~~.

I am respectfully,

July 30th 1941.

Miss Caroline Prime,
2109 E. 93rd Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Prime:

A while ago Emma Seaton Thomas phoned me about your wishing to secure some place where you could stop here in Buffalo while you attended to some business matters. She also informed me that you had lost your sight.

Of course I knew it was not to tell, or even suggest to you what you should do. Nevertheless I thought it would be far better for you to have Helen or some of the family there come here and attend to your business for you. Or for you to select some one here in whom you might have confidence to attend to the business for you.

You can readily see what you would have to have if you should come here yourself, would be not only some place to stop, but some one upon whom you would have to depend to take you around and help you attend to your business.

You see all I know about this whole matter is what Emma Seaton Thomas told me. I really thought if you wished me to do anything for you that you would write me and let me know. For surely I have been anxious to have a line from you ever since you left Buffalo. And knowing Helen, her children and husband so well as I do I thought any of them would feel free to write me.

I know I do^{not} have to remind you that you have my sincere prayers that you may have patience to go through these days of severe test and trial through which you are passing. May you be greatly comforted in the fact that though you are deprived of your natural sight that you have the spiritual sight that helps you to enjoy the beauty of things that are beyond the natural view.

I surely hope things will go well with you and that everything will come out all right and to your satisfaction.

With kindest regards to all. I am as ever yours in fellowship.;

J. Edward Rush

Rev. Fred H. Bone,
Wilson, N. Y.

AUGUST 25th 1941.

My dear Brother Fred H. Bone:

As a distinguished character said of our Lord long ago, I am glad to say to thee, I know thee who thou art. I have always, since I have known you, felt that you are a real BROTHER to man, and that includes me; for I am some kind of a man.

Of course I, and all of us were sorry, very sorry that you and Mrs. Bone had the break down. And it is surely pleasing to know that you are greatly improving. But what about Mrs. Bone, the real back bone of the whole business. You have not said how she is getting on. But I took it for granted that what you have said concerning yourself applies to. I hope so any way.

~~went to what~~ I tried to see you before you got away last winter. But when I supposed was your address the people next door told me that you had moved.

It may be, that you will be surprized to know that about eight weeks ago I had an heart attack that caused me to faint. But I immediately got sufficiently over it to keep going. So I am keeping all my preaching engagements at my church, and attending to my chaplain duties at the Hospital.

How I would like to be with you in Florida next winter, but I know I can not. So I must satisfy myself in wishing you and Mrs. Bone a very pleasant stay.

And now I must try to do, in the way writing you a letter, what you asked me to do. And I wish to assure you that it is a duty out of which I get much pleasure.

Hoping that all may continue to go well with you and Mrs. Bone, I am as ever yours,

August 25th 1941.

Mrs. James Anderson,
Perrysberg, N. Y.
J. N. Adam Hospital.

My dear sister Anderson:

Let me write first of, you have nothing on me, for surely you do not enjoy my simple messages that come to you in my letters than I enjoy yours. Your letters have a peculiar spiritual ring. And nothing does me more good than to receive morsels of spiritual meat from one my flock whom I love fervently in Christ Jesus.

Yes, physically, I think I am getting on fairly well; for I am able to be up and around and attend to my regular duties at the church and at the Hospital. To be able to keep going helps me very much. For, as I think you have heard me express myself, I do not wish to hang around and go away by inches; If it be my FATHER'S will I would rather go across Jordan in a jiffy, I thank God I am very happy. For I know all things work together for good to those who love God; and I love him. I think it natural for one as fully mature as I am, if he is ready, to think much about home; especially when things are not going just right down here in low ground of sorrow, as some say, but for us who know and love God this is not a low ground of sorrow any more than it is a low ground of joy and happiness. You will be interested in these simple lines that came to me just the other day:

~~There is no here or there~~ or there it matters not,
For thy divine will rules my lot.

"France" is my dietitian, and she gives me mighty good food, not always just what I wish, but always just what I need. So with the very fine care she gives me I would be a very ungrateful fellow not to stay around here until next June and celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of Pastorate with you all.

I know, if you allowed yourself, you could worry a great deal about Brother James. But I am certain you know better than that. For certain where you are concern he has some very fine qualities. Let us believe that God will wake him up some day and he will hear his voice and do his whole duty.

As possibly you know our picnic was postponed, on the account of rain until tomorrow. And it looks to me like tomorrow is not going to be a very fit day. So even though you can not come in you will not lose anything.

Well Sister I have not attempted to give you much if any news. I will the Sisters do that; for a lots has been going on here recently. But I must tell you that I went to look in on the Schriners' Ball in Convention hall last Thursday night. And I saw a lots of things. I'll tell you about them when I see you. France and the Boy send much love to you. I shall remember you whenever I talk to FATHER. Be good until I see you. I am sending in your letter a little note to Bessie Jones. Kindly give it to her.

I am as ever your Pastor. *J. Edward Nash*

June 2nd 1941.

To whom it may concern:

I am glad to certify, that to my knowledge, Mrs. Matilda Singh of 578 Jefferson Ave. has lived in Buffalo constantly for more than ten years. And I hope she may receive from any and all who can help her the kind consideration that I think she merits.

I am respectfully,

J. Edward Nash

August 25th 1941.

To whom it may concern:

We the Baptist-Disciples Monday Ministers' Meeting are very glad to write a complimentary word concerning our Bro. Frd H. Bone, and to commend him to the Brotherhood wherever he may be.

For fourteen years Bro. Bone was pastor of one of the leading Baptist churches, the Delavan Ave. Baptist church, of this city. His work while here was not only satisfactory to his church, but to the entire Buffalo Baptist Association.

More than once Bro. Bone was President of our Monday Ministers' Meeting. It has always been a great pleasure to have him among us. He was active and helpful in all our affairs.

We hope that all who may have his association may find it as pleasant and helpful as we have.

We are sincerely your Brethren the Baptist-Disciples Monday Ministers' Meeting.

President.

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Blessing and prayer to you and yours.

We hope that you will have the association with you if you
are. We are sure you will be in all our efforts.
Sincerely, Meeting. It was always been a great blessing to have you among
us from since you. You are President of our Monday Minis-

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To whom it may concern:

Respectfully

Buffalo, N. Y. August 25th 1941.
36 Potter Street,

Mrs. Bessie Jones,
Perrysberg, N. Y.
J. N. Adam Hospital.

My dear Sister:

As you know, I visited you often when you were in Myer Memorial Hospital. But I did not know you had left for Perrysberg until some one else told me. Then after you knew that I knew that you were there you didnt even drop me a line, saying, I am feeling fairly well "and when these few lines reach you I hope they will find you the same". But I have been receiving word concerning you through our dear Sister Anna Anderson.

Now Sister Bessie, as I think you believe, I am interrsted in and love all the members of my flock in Christ Jesus, and am anxious to have them love me.

Well so much for these few remarks. What I really wish is just a line from your own dear hands, telling me how you are getting on physical-ly, mentally, and spiritually.

I have thought about and prayed for you constantly ever since you have been away.

Hoping that you may continue to get on well, with much love and best wishes, I am devotedly your Pastor,

J. Edward Nash

August 25th 1941.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that I have known Mrs. Tabitha Terrell to have lived in Buffalo for twenty years and more.

Mrs. Terrell is now a resident of 384 Madison Street. And seems to be worthy of favorable consideration from those who have it in their power to help her. And I hope she may succeed.

I am very respectfully,

Edward Kish

September 16th '41.

To whom it may concern:

I am very glad to certify that Mrs. Elizabeth Stephens, a member of the Michigan Baptist church, is a resident of Buffalo, and has lived at 186 Bennett Street for more than a year.

I feel that she is worthy of any favorable consideration that may be given her.

Respectfully yours,

Edna H. Lusk

September 16th 1941.

My Dear Sister & Family,
Occoquan, Virginia.

Dear Sister:

I know you understand, that I have a genuine, sincere, unfeigned love for you and all the dear ones there. And I believe you also understand, that if I could, reasonably be with you on this occasion of Bro. Charles' funeral, I would.

For he was the beginning of life worth while to me. He was my first school teacher. And the outstanding example for me in so many particulars. He taught me how to be fearless and courageous as I met men. And above all, he was one of the first who taught me what it means to be a christian.

It was unfortunate, that in his latter days he was so afflicted that he was not always able to understand his fellow-man, nor was his fellow-man always able to understand him. But let us be thankful for faith to believe that our God always understood him, and that he always understood our God, and that he was always familiar with that voice that said to him the other day, My child come Home.

Let us all rejoice in the fact, that only the perishable part of him has left us, but the immortal part, his spirit will never leave us.

I am trying hard to live at least until next June when my church will be celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of my pastorate here.

Just a little while ago I had a nasty heart attack, and I really thought I was going Home then. But the church prayer for me and the Doctor treated me, and God had mercy on me, so I am still here. But as you can readily understand, I have to be exceedingly careful. Hence I am refraining from doing anything that would raise my blood pressure. So I am not there, as much as I would like to be and take you and all the children into my arms and kiss away your sorrow. But of course you all can not sorrow as those who have no hope.

But, if it be God's will I may be better after a while, on this side of Jordan. And if I am I shall surely come and see you all.

Much love to all. Frances and Jesse send hugs and kisses.

As always your brother,

Edward Nash

P.S. I am sending you this small check because I am not able to send a larger one. I hope it may help you a little.

Yours,

JEN

September 17th 1941.

Hon. William P. Fisher,
City Hall,
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear and kind Sir:

You will recall that I was in to see you yesterday, and talked with you concerning the 50th Anniversary of my pastorate with the Michigan Ave. Baptist church.

I am trying to live at least to the end of next June and the first of July, at which time the celebration is to take place.

Mr. Fisher what I am anxious to have is to have the city grant me the use of a hall, where we may have a complimentary entertainment by outstanding members of our own racial group. We would try to sell two or three thousand tickets among our white and colored friends.

I know that for affairs of this kind many friends purchase who will not attend the entertainment, and therefore, I think a hall accommodating a thousand or fifteen hundred persons would serve us quite well.

Any date that you may be able to secure between the 3rd Thursday in Nov. '41 and the 3rd Thursday in Mar. '42 will be greatly appreciated by us.

Please do your best for us and we shall be always grateful to you.

I am respectfully yours,

J. Edward Hush

September 17th '41.

To any regular Baptist Church Greetings:

Upon her request this letter of dismissal is given to our Sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson, that she may unite with some church where she may have the privilege of cooperation and fellowship with others ^{in the service} that she delights to render in the church.

For more than twenty Sister Richardson was a good faithful member of the Michigan Ave. Baptist church. She was always congenial, and one with whom it was a pleasure to work.

We are sorry to lose her. But we are glad that in our lost that the church with which she may unite will have a great gain.

With this letter go the love and best wishes of our entire church.

When the church with which she may unite notifies us that she has become a member with you we shall no longer carry her on our roll.

We are yours in fellowship,

Pastor.

Clerk.

September 17th 1941.

To whom it may concern:

I am very glad to bear testimony to the genuine character of Mrs. Sarah Lomax of 205 Chelsea Place of this city. She is an active member of the Michigan Ave. Baptist church, and one of the Deaconesses of the same.

Mrs. Lomax has always impressed me as being a very gentle and kind woman, and thoroughly qualified to care for children. She has her own home beautifully situated on Chelsea Place. The surroundings are wholesome and refined.

I hope that all who deal with her may be impressed with her real worth, and may accord to her the consideration that she merits.

Respectfully yours,

J. Edward Hush

October 8th 1941.

Mrs. Ona A. Goodale,
770 East Ferry Street,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Goodale:

It may be that you know that I have been suffering with my heart since June. When I reported my condition to Dr. Goodale he immediately put me in care of the Hospital's heart specialist, Dr. Schweitzer, who has helped me much. But I am not myself yet. So once or twice a week I stay in all day and rest. And to day I did so. Hence I did not know definitely about the passing of Doctor until nine o'clock to night when I got the Evening News.

Five years ago next June when I was celebrating the Forty Fifth Anniversary of my Pastorate with the Michigan Ave. Baptist church, Dr. Goodale appointed me chaplain at the Hospital to look after the interests of my racial group, the Negro people.

Through the years it has been mine to serve them and the Doctor in this capacity. In this way problems that might have been complicated and serious were made very simple and settled with the least difficulty.

We all shall miss Dr. Goodale, and no one aside from his family will miss him more than I shall.

But I am so glad that Dr. Goodale lived a life so thorough and genuine that can not die while the city of Buffalo and the Meyer Memorial Hospital last.

May I hope that you now as never before will find it satisfying to make use of that GREAT FRIEND who sticeth closer than a brother.

Permit me to pray, that the cloud and shadows that hang over your pathway now may soon give place to a hope that is sure and steadfast.

In sincere fellowship with you in the experience through which you are passing just now,
I am respectfully,

J. Edward Nash

Colored Chaplain of the Meyer Memorial Hospital.

October 13 1941.

To the Union Baptist church of Lackawanna, N. Y.
or any other church to whose attention this letter
may come,

Greeting:

Our young Brother, Edward Castleberry, upon his request is being
dismissed from the Michigan Ave. Baptist church, into which he was
baptized about five months ago, that he may be free to join another
Baptist church where he may have an opportunity, in a regular way to
render acceptable service to his God and his fellow comrades.

Kindly notify us when you have received him as a member in your
church.

Done by order of the church.

Church Clerk.

Pastor.

October 13 1941.

To the Union Baptist church of Lackawanna, N. Y.
or any other church to whose attention this letter
may come,
Greeting:

Upon his request this letter of dismissal is granted our Bro.
Rev. Dr. St. Paul Oliver Thompson.

We are glad to commend him to the Brotherhood. He is a man with
very definite convictions, congenial disposition, and knows how to
make friends.

He has unusually fine abilities as a minister.

Dr Thompson joined our church about a year ago, and is a great
favorite among our members. He is always listened to with a great
deal of pleasure and helpfulness whenever he preaches for us.

We are all wishing for him and you a pleasant and helpful union.

When you notify us that he has become a member with you we shall
no longer carry him upon our roll. But we shall always keep him upon
the tablets of our memory.

Done by order of the Michigan Ave. Baptist church.

Church Clerk.

Pastor.

36 Potter Street, Buffalo, N. Y.
October 17th 1941 .

Mr. Eugene Feuchtinger,
De Paul Building,
64 East Lake Street,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Sir:

One of your students, Mr. F. M. Tarry has requested me to write you, giving my impression of how he has been helped in his music by your course of training.

I have known him since he was a young man. And through the years he has been a student of music, but nothing, seemingly has helped him in so many important ways as your course. His power, range, and quality are just wonderful. In music he is a new man. It is a great pleasure to listen to him. He seemingly has forgotten his full maturity of more than 70 years, and sings like a young man.

His voice has become fresh, and has unusual sustaining power, and the soft voice is ringing and beautiful.

It seems that he will never be through expressing his gratitude for the privilege of being in your course. And those of us who listen to him feel that he is more than justified in his gratitude.

With very best wishes for a continuation of your great work.

I am very truly,

Edward H. Hark
Pastor of the Michigan Ave. Baptist Church.

36 Potter Street, Buffalo, N. Y.
October 22nd 1941.

Good morning Sister Bessie Jones.
J. N. Adam Hospital,
Perrysburg, N. Y.

What a fine thing it must be, when you do not feel first rate, these beautiful fall days, to be a resident of your town and hotel. For I know every thing out there is good; good air, good water, good food, good friends, and above a good loving and kind God. I am so glad, according to the tone of your letter that you are profiting by every thing. So I can simply say keep on holding on and after a while you will be the Sister Bessie that used to be in St. Cathrine, Ont.

With the aid of France, who gives me good things to eat, I am trying at least to hold my own since I had my heart attack in June. I am trying hard to stay around here, in the flesh, until next June when the church will be celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of my stay here as Pastor. I am very anxious to have you get good and strong again so that you may be with us on that occasion.

We had the privilege of hearing, in our Memorial Auditorium, last Monday night of seeing and hearing THE WINGS OVER JORDAN. Well for me it was just the same old thing. For I think we have come upon a period when in every particular we must take our place in our cultural life just as other people do, and not be satisfied simply to be Negroes. Now if you do not agree with me we can fight it out when you come in.

I was over at 169 William Street yesterday and had a good long talk with the folks there. They were all crazy about the foot ball game in which ~~Daland~~ Jr. taken a part. All seemed to be quite well.

Well be good to Sister Bessie and write when you can.

France and Jesse send much love to you.

I am sincerely your Pastor,

J. Edward Nash

36 Potter Street, Buffalo, N.Y.
October 22nd 1941.

Mrs. Anna F. Anderson,
J. N. Adam Hospital,
Perrysburg, N. Y.

Well, my dear Sister:

This brief message is just to say good morning; for this a beautiful October morning. And I almost envy you; I am certain you are enjoying these days out there where every thing is so clean, fresh and pure. But even though the factories and slaughter houses send out a lots of smoke and odors that are none too pleasant, we enjoy these beautiful days too, because we have been redeemed and we see God.

I like very much the expressions in your letters. They have in them sunshine and cheer. I know so often things that make other people gloomy and sad do not bother us very much, if at all. Let me give you a real illustration of what I mean. The other morning these words came to me while I was dressing and thinking about my old 73 years old heart, how it might act some time:

WHETHER HERE OR THERE IT MATTERS NOT
I KNOW THY DIVINE WILL RULES MY LOT.
IN GOD I LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE MY BEING
AND ALL IS WELL WHETHER LIVING OR DYING.

And I believe, that without hesitation, you can say, without gloom or sadness, those are my sentiments.

No doubt some of the members have already told you that we are all thinking about, and busy making preparations for the Fiftieth Anniversary of our Pastor. I say our Pastor: for I am the only Pastor I have. And through the years, as I have endeavored to preach to others, I have at the same time tried to preach to myself. You will be interested to know what we are planning to try to do: Put a new concrete entrance to our church, paint it thoroughly, inside and out, redecorate our auditorium, put in new carpet, new windows, new curtains around the baptistry, and new pews or put the old ones in first class shape, put in a new heating plant; and give the Pastor an Anniversary Gift. To do all of this we are busy trying to raise \$2,000 or \$2,500. And all you have to do about it is to pray that we may succeed, and try to get well and strong so that you can be with us and enjoy all of it.

As you know, of course, Bro. James, your best and only boy friend moved, but I do not know where he lives. Please tell me.

Last month I baptized three candidates, who were to have been baptized last May. They are Clarence Brown, Charles' Brother, Josephine Scott, the daughter of Charles and Josephine Scott, and a blind young woman, whom I think you do not know, by the name of Dorothy McDonald. And we have started another baptismal class, and have one candidate so far by the name of Charles Towns, a young man who lives with the McTyeries.

Be good and in spirit attend prayer meeting with us to night.

France and the Boy send much love to you.
I am as always your devoted Pastor,

J. Edward Nash

November 12th 1941.

Mrs. Anna E. Doleman and
Mrs. Cornelia D. Snider,

Occoquan, Virginia.

My dear Sister and Niece:

I know you are not nor should be governed by my mind or any one else mind. But in expressing yourself on any subject you must be governed by your own mind. Nevertheless I think there are times when we all wish the expressions might be more in accord with our own thoughts and ideas.

Now, no doubt, as you have read so far, you have been wondering at what I am getting or trying to get and what definite thing I have in mind. Well this is it, I am a kind of an old matter of fact fellow.

I had hoped I would find much of the details and particulars connected with the last days of Brother Charles M. in the letter we received from you after the funeral. Did he have his business matters in such a shape that it would not be difficult for you to handle them. Was your little home owned jointly by him and you, or was it owned just by him? What security, if any do you have for a living? How do you get along in general?

I would like to feel that you are hopeful and sunshiney since Brother Charles went HOME. I know about your faith in God, and imagine just about how you would all be effected by the trying experience through which you had to pass in the departure of Brother Charles. Well it will be comforting to me if you would tell me a little bit about these things. Was he unconscious very long before he went away? Tell me about his funeral. Who preached the sermon? Did you have the letter that I sent read at the funeral? Who was the undertaker? Did you spend much to put the old body away that Brother Charles had grown tired of and had gotten out of?

I gathered from your letter that Brother Charles Snider is not so well. I am sorry for that. But he is in my class, we were boys together, and I know from experience that you do not keep perfectly well after you have gotten as far up the road as we have. Remember me very kindly to him. And tell him I shall remember him whenever I go before the THRONE.

As I have already told you all, my heart has not been behaving very well recently, and I have to be careful. But God is permitting me to hold on.

Our church is busy just now trying to raise funds to put our old building in good shape against the days of the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of my pastorate here next June; if God see fit to let me remain in the flesh until then.

I thank you very much for all the information that you sent me concerning the people who have passed on. I wish you to know that I am thinking about you all constantly,

Frances and Jesse wish you to know that their love never grows for you all.

I am as ever your Brother and Uncle,

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MR. COLBERT D. BRIGGS
MR. HENRY E. BOYER

November 12th 1941.

Mrs. Anna B. Dolleman and
Mrs. Cornelia D. Snider,
Occquan, Virginia.
My dear Sister Mace:

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December 3rd 1941.

Mr. William L. Pfeiffer,
208 Ellicott Square,
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Pfeiffer:

I understand that there is a probability of your giving Mr. Joseph Nicholas of 51 Lyth Ave. a position as elevator operator. I was very pleased to learn this, and am very anxious to have it come to pass.

I have known Mr. Nicholas for a great number of years. He is an exceptionally fine citizen, the kind that we wish to help to maintain a position of normal independence, influence and prestige. If he is able to do this he will prove very helpful to Buffalo in general, and particularly to our racial group.

Mr. Nicholas is industrious, honest and trustworthy. Both he and his wife, Mrs. Julia Nicholas belong to our, the Republican, party and are hard workers in it. I am sure if you appoint Mr. Nicholas you will have only one thing to regret, that is that you did not appoint him before.

With very best wishes, I am your fellow citizen and REPUBLICAN,

J. Edward Kuch

December 3rd 1941.
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Mrs. Judson A. Beuermann, and daughter,
206 Wyoming Street,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sister Beuermann:

The sudden departure of your dear husband and our brother has brought to us all a very keen sense of our feebleness and absolute dependence upon God to sustain us.

We are all so glad that Brother Beuermann got acquainted with God a long time ago, and gave evidence of the fact that he knew him well.

We know Brother Beuermann could say:

Whether here or there it matters not
For thy divine will rules my lot.

When the sea of life is rough and tempestuous, and the storm is raging we need not fear; for he in whom we live and move and have our being is always near.

We wish you to know that we have fellowship with you in the experience through which you are passing just now. And we trust you may be comforted in the fact that we are praying for you.

We are your brethren, the Baptist-Disciples' Monthly Ministers' Meeting.

J. Edward Rush Secretary.

December 5th 1941.

To whom it may concern:

I am very glad to testify to the fact that Mr. Charles Brown was born in Warrenton, Virginia, and that I baptized him into the membership of the Michigan Ave. Baptist church May 3rd 1917. I know he is a real loyal American, and believes whole heartily in the principles of the American Government, and is willing and ready to do every thing in his power to defend her democracy.

I am respectfully yours, his Pastor,

J. Edward Nash

December 17th 1941.

Mrs. Vera Crawford,
1109 Irving Street,
N. W. Washington, D. C.

My dear Vera:

Your case is another illustration of what it means to be prepared. For if you had not been prepared you could never have passed the examination for the government that you are holding now. I am so glad that in days gone by you fitted yourself for something other than drudgery.

I hope that at the proper time you may make application for a transfer, and come to Buffalo.

Surely it was very gratifying to me to know that you are with one of my very dear old friends, whom I have known since she was a baby. Of course I have not been where I could know all about her many activities since we have grown up and have taken our places in the world. But I never come in that direction without hearing about her good work. You may be assured that she will help you in any and every in which it is possible for her to do so.

Charlott is a dear girl. And it was just like her to call when she learned that you living there in Washington. It was very nice in her to have you out at her home for dinner. She is indeed a very fine young woman. When here in Buffalo she was president of the Young Peoples' Society of our church, and at one time Treasurer for all the Young People, white and colored, of Erie County.

Yes, you do have a lovely mother-in-law, and I am certain she will do all in her power to take care of everything while you are away.

We shall all pray that Hubert will come around all right soon. I go out to see him once in a while. For I do not think it would be wise for me to go more frequently. Every time I have seen him he seemed to be in a fairly good condition.

With my friend Matilda, Charlott, and your cousin I am certain you will get on well down there, but we wish you here as soon as possible.

Everything moves on here about as usual. I am certain you people keep you intelligent as to what is going on here in Buffalo.

Remember me very kindly to Mrs. Jackson. Drop me a line whenever you can. Frances and Jesse wish to be remembered very kindly by you.

I am very truly your Pastor,

J. Edward Bush

December 16th 1941.

Hon. Milton E. Switzer,
211 Hawley Street,
Lockport, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Switzer:

My record shows that I did marry Culver Saunders of Lockport N. Y. Oct. 5th 1903, at which time he gave me his age as 24. I do not remember one thing about the dear man, but the above is the true record.

Yours very truly,

R. E. Saunders

December 17th 1941.

Miss Beulah Jackson,
Howard University,
N. W. Washington, D. C.

My dear Beulah:

Ever since your very fine letter came we have been thinking much about you. We have been thinking about your noble, worthy ambitions and aspirations. I was quite certain that with your congenial disposition you would be at home, satisfied and contented in the atmosphere of Howard University.

Not only your work, but your contacts there and in Washington will do much in making you what you wish to be, a finished woman. For me it would be worth spending time at Howard just to hear Dr. Johnson and Dean Thurman.

You are doing just what I expected you would do, attend the worship services and take whatever part might be assigned you. I am glad you are in the choir.

Your visiting Mrs. Roosevelt in the White House will always constitute a very important page in the history of your life.

We are glad, very glad for the opportunities that come to you there for growth and advancement. But I wish you to know that we miss you very much, and will be glad when you return, not alone for what you do for us at the organ, but for what you will do for us in bringing us inspiration and information.

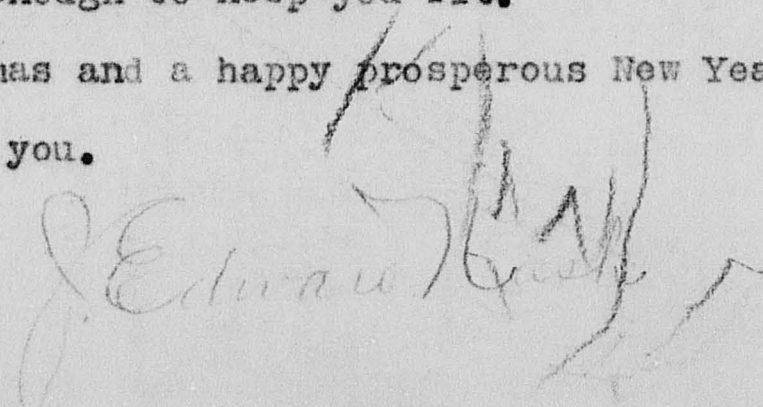
We have, with you five of our members down there in Washington now; Margaret Brown, who as you know, is married and keeping house, Curtys McTyeire with you there at Howard, Charlott Brown Hancock, who is teaching there, and, as possibly you know, the most recent addition to your Washington population is Vera Crawford, who is there in one of the government departments. She is stopping with an old friend, Mrs. Matelda Fisher Jackson, from my home whom I have known all of her life.

Keep well, work hard and play enough to keep you fit.

We hope for you a merry Christmas and a happy prosperous New Year.

Frances and Jesse send love to you.

I am very truly your Pastor,



December 19th 1941.

Mrs. Amelia McDaniel Saunders,
Fayetteville,
W. Va.
Box 504.

My dear Sister Amelia:

I think I do not need to say, that a letter like the one I received from you just a little while ago is always a source of inspiration. And I know you will hardly expect me to approach its duplication, because I do not have the facts to make it so. Here I am in a great city of more than an half of a million people; among which are about 14,000 of our racial group. And as pastor I try to do my duty, and therefore keep very busy. I it may be that I told you about my being chaplain in our City Hospital, by far the largest hospital in our city. There are four of us chaplains in the hospital, one Jew, a Catholic, an Episcopalian and myself not serving according to denomination, but according race. When I have done my church and hospital work I do not have much time nor energy for anything else. So you not expect me to write as long a letter as I would like to write.

It is very gratifying to know that you have your nice little cottage, even though you so have to live in by yourself. But being who you are you are not dependent upon human companionship; for our Friend who sticketh closer than a brother is always with you.

I think I would have never known of the persons about whom you have written me: Douglas Carter, William Clark, Lawyer Ellis and the rest whom you mentioned in your letter.

Dillard who is in New York city is about the only one, since T. L. Griffith died, with whom I keep in touch quite regularly. Of course I am in touch with Clayton A Powell constantly. And I appreciate very much your remembering and writing to me.

It would have given me much pleasure to have been at the commencement with Holmes, Amelia Jones, and you. But I had to stay here and attend to my affairs and myself, and help my church make preparation for the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of my pastorate here next June.

When I get time to finish my book surely I shall send you a copy. I hope to have it ready about the 1st of May '42.

My boy, Jesse Jr. is in his third year in high school, and is taller than I am.

I hope you will continue to enjoy good health and be happy.

My wife and boy send kindest regards to you.

Write when you can and let me know how the world is using you.

I am as ever yours,

J. Edward Nash

36 Potter st.,
Buffalo, N.Y., November 10, 1941.

My dear Mrs Tyree:-

I understood you to say I would hear from you by the 27th of October. I inconvenienced myself to be of assistance to you. Please remit same by return mail. Trust you had no further mishaps.

Truly yours,

Frances J. Nash (Mrs J Ed.)

Frances J. Nash